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| 28 | Daman and Diu | 78.15 |
| 29 | Lakshadweep | 94.59 |
| 30 | Pondicherry | 177.02 |
| TOTAL: | | 458860.39 |

Proposal to empower Panchayati Raj Institutions

2596. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments have failed as no State in the country has yielded real autonomy to the Panchayat Institutions;

(b) whether Government propose to bring a legislation empowering the Panchayati Raj Institutions (P.R.I.) with local Government list *i.e.* apart from the Central and State lists; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) Several State have devolved financial and functional powers (which an ongoing process) upon Panchayats in varying degrees after the enactment of 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal at present.

Illegal Transfer of Land in favour of Non-Adivasis

2597. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have suggested the Government of Orissa to issue ordinance to check transfer of land belonging to the Adivasis in favour of non-Adivasis;

(b) whether it is a fact that ten thousand cases are pending regarding such illegal transfer of land; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Central Government has advised the State Government of Orissa to introduce a provision on complete prohibition of transfer of agricultural land from tribal to non-tribal in "The Orissa Scheduled Areas Transfer of Immovable Property (By Scheduled Tribes) Regulation, 1956".

(b) and (c) Government of Orissa has informed that there are only 3617 cases pending on such illegal transfer of land till the end of June, 2000. The details are as follows:

| Cases pending as on 1.4.2000 | Cases instituted from April to June, 2000 | Total cases | Cases disposed of during April to June, 2000 | Pending cases as on 30.6.2000 |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 3883 | 925 | 4808 | 1191 | 3617 |

Mis-use of EAS funds in Orissa

2598. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CAG has reported regarding mis-utilisation of EAS funds in Orissa for the years 1994 to 1998;

(b) whether it is a fact that although the monitoring and vigilance Committees have been constituted, these are not functioning properly; and

(c) if so, what remedial measures are being adopted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Orissa has informed that State/District/Block level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have been